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City Votes $150,000 Center

Another round of bidding soon will get under way for an auditorium to be built on the Rockville Civic Center site, following termination of contract with Satterlee and Smith, architectural firm which drew up the first and costly set of plans.

The Rockville Mayor and Council Tuesday accepted the recommendations of the Civic Center Auditorium Reappraisal Committee that action be taken immediately to line up another firm.

The Satterlee and Smith plans, which cost the city $8,000, resulted in a low bid of $204,000. The Reappraisal Committee, with Councilman Frank A. Ecker as its chairman, recommended a ceiling of $150,000 for the building.

The committee recommended that the building contain a stage, dressing rooms, kitchen facilities, rest rooms, cloak rooms, storage space, and a projection booth.

Also suggested was consideration of a two-story facility providing room for a dining and dancing area. It was recommended that the theater seat at least 500 persons.

Preliminary interviews with architects have been set for March 31.

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